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Dear parents and carers,

Thank you for all of the positive comments we have had regarding the start of our new school year. There have been such significant changes but as ever, our families have risen to the occasion and supported our new staff really well. It makes such a positive difference when we work in partnership.

I get many questions about the work that we do at St. Peter's to help other people locally, nationally and internationally through our charity work. I would like to identify how we plan on meeting this side of our mission between now and Christmas so that you are all aware of our commitments. I would like to stress that it is not compulsory to donate or contribute to any of our causes and I hope that no parent or family feels pressure to do so. We do not make contribution check lists in school as we recognise that people are all in different circumstances. If making a donation is not possible, no questions will be asked but please consider making a different kind of donation, such as an offer of your time to help an event, or simply through support of our Catholic mission to help others less fortunate through prayer and discussion at home.

The school PTFA are holding two events before Christmas; the Magician show and the International Food night. Both of these events raise money which is put back into improving the school for the benefit of our own children. In addition to this, we will be holding the Christmas Fayre in December. This raises money for our Governor's Fund. The money in this account is used to make changes to the building; most recently paying for part of our boiler project so that we can ensure our children and staff are warm this winter!

In addition to the school centred fundraising events, we are also thinking about people locally and nationally who are facing difficulty in life. We will be collecting items of food for the Salvation Army and Food bank for the Harvest mass (although we will continue to accept food bank donations throughout the year, please leave in the box just inside the gate). There is the Macmillan coffee morning which will be held by parents before the Magician show. We are also collecting Shoe Boxes for Operation Christmas Child and will be supporting our local Church charity through the toy collection at Christmas time.

I will be sending more information out as each event draws near and as ever, details can be found on our website. I would like to thank you all for your continued support in all of the many ways that you give.

Kind regards,

Miss McNamara

Headteacher